

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A grounding switch-(4) ~~having~~ comprising a moveable contact piece (3), which passes through an electrically conductive encapsulating housing wall-(2) such that it is sealed by means of a sealing element,  
\_\_\_\_\_ the moveable contact piece (3) being electrically conductively connected to the encapsulating housing wall-(2) via the sealing element in the form of a bellows-(7) and being guided in a journal bearing-(6) supported on the encapsulating housing-(2),  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein  
the moveable contact piece (3) can be driven by means of an electrically insulating handle-(12).
2. (Currently Amended) The grounding switch-(4) as claimed in claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein  
the insulating handle-(12) is mounted such that it can slide in a guide element-(13).